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To: The Honorable Andy Kim  
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From: Department of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Legislative Committee

Re: VA Caregiver Continuity Act

Dear Congressman Kim,

The Department of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars is writing to express our support, regarding your proposed legislation to protect pre- and post-service 9/11 Veterans who are enrolled in the Veterans Administration's Caregiver Program. Presently, the 9/11 Veterans who are enrolled under previously eligibility guidelines are faced with the reality of being removed from the program. This would cause undue hardship to the veteran, the family of the veteran, and caregivers. By way of example, the caregivers are the first responders on the front line who can identify a crisis and or need for the veteran.

Therefore, it is important to protect our veterans and we are in favor of your proposed legislation which would protect the veterans who are referred to as legacy participants who meet the VA's Priority One category (veterans with a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more or have a disability that has been deemed to make you unable to work).

Without a doubt, we believe this would protect our veterans and we thank you for your support of our nation's heroes.

Sincerely,

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